

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19578

This bill updates the Public Utility Commission's regulatory jurisdiction. More specifically, this bill would eliminate the Commission's authority to regulate vessels, docks, wharfs, and warehouses used in the transport of persons or property upon the waters of Idaho. When the Idaho Public Utilities Law was first enacted in 1914, the PUC regulated the rates for vessels (such as ferries) carrying passengers and cargo for compensation upon the waters of Idaho. Idaho Code §61-113 (2). Because there are no regularly operating public vessels or ferries over posted routes, the Commission believes that it no longer needs to economically regulate such activities. Commercial boating operations on rivers and streams are subject to the jurisdiction of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Board. Likewise, the operation of commercial vessels on lakes, rivers and streams of Idaho is subject to the Idaho Safe Boating Act and the Vessel Titling Act found at Idaho Code §67-7001 *et seq.* and the U.S. Coast Guard. Finally, the regulation of warehouses used to store or clean dried beans or peas is governed by the Bonded Warehouse Law, Idaho Code §69-201 *et seq.*

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund.

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